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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 249**

**Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Matthews~~ Members *Matthews and Firebaugh***

February 3, 2003

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An act to add Section ~~69432.6 to the Education Code, relating to student financial aid~~ 6405 to the Government Code, relating to international trade.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 249, as amended, Matthews. ~~Student financial aid: Student Aid Commission: high school grade point average~~ *California/Mexico Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.*

*Existing law provides for various programs for the development of state international trade opportunities.*

*This bill would require the Governor, by February 1, 2004, or upon the availability of sufficient nonstate resources, whichever occurs later, to contract with the University of California, at the option of the Regents of the University of California, to establish the California/Mexico Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, to be located at the California House in Mexico City. It would express the intent of the Legislature that the office be administered by the Governor in partnership with the University of California, California Policy Research Center, at the option of the regents, and would set forth the duties of the office in*

*promoting trade, investment, and other exchanges between California and Mexico.*

~~Existing law requires that a grade point average be submitted for all Cal Grant A and B applicants, except for those permitted to provide test scores in lieu of a grade point average.~~

~~This bill would strongly encourage each public or private high school to report to the Student Aid Commission the high school grade point average, as defined, of each senior enrolled at the school for whom the school has a personal identifier that is acceptable to the commission, on or before March 1 of the year the pupil graduates and the year after the pupil graduates.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     ~~SECTION 1. Section 69432.6 is added to the Education Code,~~
- 2     SECTION 1. *The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
- 3     *following:*
- 4     (a) *State governments across the United States are increasingly*
- 5     *institutionalizing their relations with other nations. According to*
- 6     *a March 2000 report by the University of Texas at Austin, examples*
- 7     *of these trends include, but are not limited to, all of the following:*
- 8         (1) *The State of Washington has three overseas offices in Asia.*
- 9         (2) *The six New England governors have been meeting with five*
- 10        *eastern Canadian premiers since 1973 to discuss common*
- 11        *problems such as energy and acid rain.*
- 12        (3) *On October 1, 1971, the Texas Industrial Commission*
- 13        *(TIC), the state's economic development agency, opened an*
- 14        *international trade office in Mexico City known in Mexico as the*
- 15        *Oficini de Comercios de Texas.*
- 16     (b) *The State of California, the world's fifth largest economy,*
- 17     *is dependent on international trade, with export sales higher than*
- 18     *the national average, accounting for more than 7 percent of*
- 19     *California's Gross State Product in 2001.*
- 20     (c) *More than 85 percent of all California exports are*
- 21     *generated by small firms with fewer than 100 employees.*
- 22     (d) *California shares a common border with Mexico, which in*
- 23     *2002 ranked as the state's largest export market, receiving \$16.1*
- 24     *billion in exports from the state.*

1     (e) *Because of our common borders, California and Mexico*  
2 *must jointly address major policy challenges and opportunities*  
3 *including, but not limited to, border issues, immigration,*  
4 *infrastructure development, environmental protection, labor and*  
5 *employment policy, educational and cultural exchange*  
6 *opportunities, health issues, and water and other resource*  
7 *management concerns.*

8     (f) *The University of California has established policy research*  
9 *and exchange programs in areas of health policy and migrant*  
10 *health, as well as university extension and technology transfer*  
11 *programs involving the public and private sectors in Mexico and*  
12 *California.*

13     (g) *The University of California has established, in*  
14 *cooperation with the office of the Governor and the Legislature,*  
15 *the California Policy Research Center, which sponsors policy*  
16 *research and public service programs on significant California*  
17 *policy issues, including areas of both opportunity and concern*  
18 *related to California and Mexico.*

19     (h) *The California Policy Research Center has established the*  
20 *California/Mexico Health Initiative as a major research, training,*  
21 *health service, and extension program that involves the State*  
22 *Department of Health Services and other state entities in*  
23 *cooperation with their counterparts in the United States*  
24 *government, the Mexican federal government, and state*  
25 *governments in Mexico, as well as with United States-Mexican*  
26 *bilateral entities.*

27     (i) *The California Policy Research Center has convened*  
28 *federal and state legislators, as well as the Mexican Secretary of*  
29 *Foreign Relations to jointly address issues of trade, migration, and*  
30 *business opportunities in the context of bilateral relations between*  
31 *California and Mexico.*

32     (j) *California's budget crisis has resulted in the elimination of*  
33 *most state-operated trade promotion programs.*

34     SEC. 2. *Section 6405 is added to the Government Code, to*  
35 *read:*

36     6405. (a) (1) *By February 1, 2004, or upon the availability*  
37 *of sufficient nonstate resources, whichever occurs later, the*  
38 *Governor shall enter into a contract with the University of*  
39 *California, at the option of the Regents of the University of*  
40 *California, to establish the California/Mexico Office of*

1 *Intergovernmental Affairs, to be located at the California House*  
2 *in Mexico City.*

3 (2) *For purposes of this subdivision, “nonstate resources”*  
4 *include, but need not be limited to, private funds that may be*  
5 *available in accordance with Section 13997.*

6 (b) *The office shall coordinate relevant policy research and*  
7 *international trade promotion activities benefiting*  
8 *intergovernmental relations between California and Mexico, as*  
9 *well as job creation through increased opportunities in*  
10 *international trade and commerce.*

11 (c) *Among its functions, the office shall do all of the following:*

12 (1) *Conduct a review and analysis of major trade issues*  
13 *affecting trade between California and Mexico, including, but not*  
14 *limited to, trade promotion and investment opportunities, as well*  
15 *as trade barriers that inhibit the expansion of California exports*  
16 *to Mexico.*

17 (2) *Provide for a review and assessment of strategic policy*  
18 *issues jointly affecting California and Mexico, including*  
19 *development of policy recommendations for submission to the*  
20 *Governor and the Legislature.*

21 (3) *Prepare and disseminate information resources to business*  
22 *and industry in California and Mexico supporting promotion of*  
23 *international trade and investment.*

24 (4) *Actively facilitate business opportunities for international*  
25 *trade and investment between California and Mexico.*

26 (d) *It is the intent of the Legislature that the office shall be*  
27 *administered by the Governor, in partnership with the University*  
28 *of California, California Policy Research Center, at the option of*  
29 *the Regents of the University of California.*

30 ~~to read:~~

31 ~~69432.6.—The Legislature strongly encourages each public or~~  
32 ~~private high school, on or before March 1 of the year of graduation,~~  
33 ~~and on or before March 1 of the year after graduation, to report to~~  
34 ~~the Student Aid Commission the high school grade point average,~~  
35 ~~as defined in subdivision (h) of Section 69432.7 and in any~~  
36 ~~implementing regulations, of each senior enrolled at the school for~~  
37 ~~whom the school has a personal identifier that is acceptable to the~~  
38 ~~commission.—~~